

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/591,140  
Confirmation No. : 4288  
Applicant(s) : Philip Wilson Howard et al.  
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Title : BIARYL AMINO ACIDS AND  
THEIR USE IN DNA BINDING  
OLIGOMERS  
TC/A.U. : 1626  
Examiner : Valerie Rodriguez-Garcia  
Docket No. : 065435-9083-US00  
Customer No. : 23510

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 19, 2010, which was made final, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks presented below. This response is timely filed before the deadline of April 19, 2010. Please amend the application indicated herein. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments are proper as they place the application in better condition for appeal.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.